Panchayat etc., which the State Government may determine in the context of local conditions.

Air India flights from Calcutta

2406. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 846 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th March, 1987 and state whether Air India contemplates to introduce more flights through Calcutta, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): No, Sir. Air India have no immediate plans to introduce more flights through Calcutta.

Expansion of telecommunication in U.P.

2407. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Willthe Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) details of various telecommunication programmes taken up in Uttar Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) total amount to be spent onthis expansion programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Seventh Five Year Plan proposals for the U.P. Telecom. Circle including telephone districts of Kanpur, Lucknow, Agra, Allahabad and Varanasi are to add 48,500 lines of Telex, 7500 lines of Trunk Automatic Exchanges, 4 Satelite Earth Stations and 650 long distance public telephones. 47 Kms. of ducting are also proposed in the Seventh Plan period. These targets are based on the allocation of Rs. 4010 crores for Department of Telecommunications.

(b) Telecommunications schemes extend beyond the territorial limits of the State. It is, therefore, not practicable to segregate the expenditure for a particular State on all items of telecommunication network.

I.I.T. and Industry Link

2408. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing link, if any, between the I.I.Ts and the industry for furthering the industrial research; and

(b) what are the achievements in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) The Indian Institutes of Technology have close links with the industry through consultancy and research projects sponsored by industry in the areas nurturing industrial research and development. The Indian Institutes of Technology have successfully completed a large number of consultancy assignments and projects.

Import of telecommunication compoments of Comuterised Freight Operational System

2409. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to import telecommunication components of the computerised freight operational system which is considered to be outdated despite the fact that these could be built within the country at a much less cost;

(b) if so, what is the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the project as compared to the indigenous system; and

(c) what are the reasons for importing the system which could be built indigenously at a much less cost?